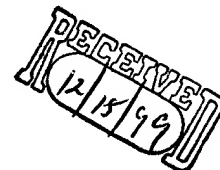


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AMENDMENT UNDER CFR 1.312

Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for consideration and entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 22 and 32 as indicated. All pending claims are reproduced for the convenience of examination.

- 1 1. (Amended) A method for supplying a consistent set of data to a software application, the
2 method comprising the steps of:
3 [launching said software application;]
4 identifying a particular set of data that is required by the software application;
5 requesting a first process to obtain a snapshot time from a database server associated with
6 a first database, wherein the snapshot time causes all subsequent reads of said first

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